[25th February 1961

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) A statement [a] is placed on the Table of the House.

(b) The income from the sale of Mudi tickets depends on the number of pilgrims visiting the temple for tonsure.

* 490 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) the amount collected by means of hundies during each of the ten Saturdays following the Car Festival in each of the four years 1957 to 1960 in the Kaliyuga Varadarajaswami temple, Udaiyarpalayam taluk, Tiruchirappalli district; and

(b) the amount of annual expenditure and the surplus income of the temple for each of the above four years?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) & (b) A statement is placed on the table of the House.

* 491 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANITHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) the period for which the present executive officer of the Kaliyuga Varadarajaswami temple, Udaiyarpalayam taluk, is serving in the temple;

(b) whether his powers and duties have been defined under section 45 of the new Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) From 15th October 1956.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Sir, from the statement placed on the table of the House, it is found that the number of Mudi tickets sold in 1960 is double, even triple the number of tickets sold in each of the three previous years. Did the Government ascertain the exact reasons from the temple authority who was immediately controlling the affairs of the temple?

THE HON SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : No particular reason can be given for this. That depends upon the numerous pilgrims that go to the temple; sometimes they are interested in this offering and sometimes it is very few.

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Sir, may I know the exact reasons for the disproportionate increase in the number of Mudi tickets sold in 1960 while the other three years show a very small number only?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, how can I go into the minds of pilgrims? Sometimes they are interested in making this kind of offering and sometimes they are not.

(a) Printed as Appendix II on page 582 infra.

(b) Printed as Appendix III on page 583 infra.